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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On Tuesday, September 30, 2003, on behalf of Rural Cellular Association and the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers ("RCA-ARC"), undersigned counsel met with Matthew Brill in Commissioner Abernathy's office to discuss the Joint Board's ongoing proceeding on universal service.

Among the topics were alternatives for providing support, whether a single line restriction is competitively neutral, the public interest standard, and service quality standards for ETCs. During the meeting, counsel presented RCA-ARC's position on these issues consistent with its previous filings in this docket.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

cc: Matthew Brill, Esq.